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[Despatch Abstract.]

GROW MORE FOOD- New Well Subsidy scheme-
monthly progress report March 1948-
Board's review- RECORDED.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

GROW MORE FOOD-.Well Subsidy Schemes- Progress Report for the month ending 31_3-48- Reviewed.

B.P. Rt. No. 3989.

Station: MADRA S. dated the 21st June 1948.

From

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Commissioner of Land Revenue, Excise and Prohibition.

Read: Reports from the Collectors.

RESOLUTION:

The Board submits to the Government consolidated statements of the progress achieved upto 31-3-48 under the New Well Subsidy Scheme of 1947-48, the Accelerated Scheme and the Ceded Districts (Modified) Scheme.

2. The reports from the Collectors were due to the Board on 10-4-48. The Collectors of Chittoor, Ramnad and Tanjore alone submitted their reports in respect of all the three schemes in time. The Collectors of the other districts delayed their reports in respect of one or the other of the schemes and the del y ranged from 2 to 48 days. The last report was, the one from the Collector of Vizagapatam, received on 28-5-48. The Collectors are requested to be prompt in future.

3. Several discrepancies have been noticed while ~~effect~~ reviewing the reports. The Board will issue a separate reference to the Collectors concerned to explain and reconcile the discrepancies and will submit revised figures to the Government, if necessary.

4 (A) NEW WELL SUBSIDY SCHEME OF 1947-48.

Payment of subsidies under the scheme was stopped with effect from 1-4-48 but time has been granted to complete the well works upto 30-9-48. The following statement will show the main results achieved under the scheme upto 31-3-48.

No. of cases sanctioned upto 29-2-1948.	Amount involved.	No. of cases for disposal during March 1948.	Amount involved.	No. of cases for which loans were sanctioned during March 1948.	Amount involved.
32,008	1,08,93,989	61,421	2,31,22,400	16,260	56,82,861

No. of cases sanctioned upto 31-3-48.	Amount involved.	No. of cases for which actual payment was made upto 31-3-48.	Amount involved.	No. of cases for rejected during March 1948.	Amount involved.	No of cases pending disposal on 1-4-48.
48,268	1,65,76,850	46,515	1,63,08,955	13,118	57,39,380	32,083

It is gratifying to note that though a target of only 37,500 wells was fixed for thw whole Presidency under the scheme, the number of wells, for which subsidies have been paid is 46,515. Since a large number of the works are only in progress or have yet to be started it would be too early to comment on the arda brought under irrigation or on the estimated production of food grains. The Collectors are requested to issue necessary instructions to their subordinates to see that the ryots complete the well works as quickly as possible and bring the maximum area in the ayacut of the wells under good crop cultivation.

B. ACCELERATED SCHEME.

	No. of wells for which subsidies have been paid.	No. of wells completed.	No. of wells in progress.	No. of wells to be taken up written off or recovery ordered.	Additional area brought under irrigation.	Additional quantity of food grains produced.
Wells	61,599	39,202 24,280	17,872	4,525	52,713,49	22,787.12 to
Wells.	30,711		1,800	4,631	32,645.44	11,158.44 "

The Government had granted several extensions of time to complete the well works under the scheme. According to their latest orders the time for completion of the new wells is 30-6-48 and that for old wells has also been extended upto the same date. There are yet about 36% of the new wells and 21% of the old wells remaining incomplete. The Government have made it clear that no more extension of time will be granted. The Collectors are therefore requested to see that as many new wells as possible are completed within the time allowed and that steps are taken promptly to recover the subsidies paid to the owners of the wells who have not completed the works in time.

In the month of March 1948 the Collector of Chittoor has sanctioned the write off of the subsidy of Rs. 310/- for a new well.

(C) CEDED DISTRICTS (MODIFIED) SCHEME.

	No. of wells for which subsidies have been paid.	No of wells completed.	No. of wells in progress	No. of wells which have not been started recovery ordered or written off.	Additional area brought under irrigation.	Additional quantity of foodgrai produced.
New Wells	4,959	216	1380	363	554.10	283-75
Old Wells.	531	216	117	198	354.00	139.60

It is unsatisfactory to observe that only 11% of the new wells and 41% of the old wells have been so far completed. Under this scheme also, the time allowed for compelting the new as well as old wells is 30-6-48. The Collectors should, therefore, see that as many wells as possible are completed before 30-6-48 and that steps are taken to recover the subsidies paid to the owners of the wells who have not completed the works in time.

The Board observes that the inspection of the well works by the Revenue Divisional Officers under the Accelerated and the Ceded Districts (Modified) scheme is inadequate and this obviously is one of the main reason for the slow progress. Under the Accelerated scheme the Revenue Divisional Officers have so far inspected only 10,842 new wells and 4,780 old wells. The Revenue Divisional Officers of Bellary, Kurnool, Malabar and South Kanara districts have not inspected any of the new wells and those of Chittoor, Kurnool, Trichinopoly, Malabar, Anantapur, East Godavari, Kistna and South Kanara have inspected no old wells, in the month under reveiew. The revenue Divisional Officers of Guntur and West Godavari have inspected no new wells and those of Cuddapah have inspected no old wells upto this time. Under the Ceded Districts (Modified) Scheme not even a single well, either new or old, was inspected by the Revenue Divisional Officers during the month.

The Collectors are requested to issue special instructions to the Revenue Divisional Officers and other subordinates to inspect as many well works as possible during their tours. They must also inspect a far number of the works themselves. Frequent inspections by superior officers will be an inducement to the ryots to complete the works in time and contribute to the success of the scheme.

Sd.
For Joint Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with statements.
To the Collectors of all districts except Madras and Nilgiris.
Copy to the Director of Agriculture, Madras.
Copy to the Secretary, Ceded Districts Economic Development Board, Madras with extracts of the statements for the districts of Chittoor, Cuddapah, Bellary, Anantapur and Kurnool.

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